THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOL DAR): RAF is an integral part of CRPF. The composition of RAF is maintained in such a way that all communities get adequate representation including minorities. Wide publicity of recruitment programmes is given amongst the members of minority communities including Muslims through advertisement and by giving information through voluntary agencies promoting welfare of such communities.

बिहार में मधुबनी और झंझारपुर जिलों में टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज योजना

1117. श्री रामदेव भंडारी: क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार के मधुबनी और झंझारपुर जिलों में क्रमश: दस हजार और दो हजार लाइनों वाले टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज लगाने की योजना को मंजूरी दी जा चुकी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार द्वारा तीन महीनों के अंदर एक्सचेंज लगाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) से (ग) जी नहीं। उच्चतर क्षमता के एक्सचेंजों की कोई पर्याप्त मांग नहीं है। तथापि, मधुबनी में 2000 लाइनों वाले एक इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज का संस्थापन कार्य चल रहा है जिसके अक्टूबर, 1996 तक चालू कर दिए जाने की संभावना है और झंझारपुर में वर्ष 1997-98 में 1000 लाइनों के एक इलेक्ट्रानिक एक्सचेंज की योजना बना ली गई है।

Development of Works of Ports in Eighth Five Year Plan

1118. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the outlays provided for in the Eighth Five Year Plan for developmental works for major Ports in the country;

(b) out of the same, how much has been utilized;

(c) the main features of developmental works carried out during the last five years Port-wise; and

(d) the details of modernization of Port facilities and updated technology achieved so far during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) During 8th Five Year Plan, an outlay of Rs. 3216 crores has been provided for development in Port Sector. As against this around Rs. 1369 crores have been utilised so far.

(c) During the last five years, a number of projects relating to construction of multi-purpose/general cargo berths, coal jetties and deepening of channel have been commissioned, raising the total cargo handling capacity of the Major Ports to 177 million tonnes. In addion two virtual jetties for handling POL products have also been put up by the oil companies at Kandla. 30 new schemes costing about Rs. 2147 crores have been sanctioned so far for providing port facilities at Major Ports in the 8th Plan and will add a capacity of 42 million tonnes over the Eighth and early Ninth Plan periods.

(d) The modernisation of port facilities includes the addition of container handling equipment at Jawaharlal Nehru and container handling facilities developed at Cochin and Calcutta modern oil handling facilities developed at New Mangalore and Mumbai Ports, replacement of old submarine piplines undertaken at Mumbai new oil jetties taken up for construction at Kandla and Visakhapatnam state of the art mechanised coal handling facilities under implementation at Paradip, a brand new Major Port for handling mechanised coal handling facilities under implementation at Ennore near Madras, modern general cargo berths completed at Paradip and Visakhapatnam and new cargo handling cranes with current technology being provided at the ports of Madras and Kandla. Further introduction of modern vessel traffic management system (VTMS) is in progress at the ports of Mumbai and Calcutta. Modern facilitations like computerisation and management information system are also being increasingly introduced